

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
March 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. via teleconference. Present were Kyle Hunt, Mary Losee, Gretchen Lindner, Bruce Schomburg, Tony Storer, Tom Beck, Scot Sorensen, Rob Pantano, Brian Jensen, Betty Kooy, Lynn Weaver, and Peggy Speer.

Congratulations: Kudos to Tom Beck on another state HS title.

Reports:

Finance: Rob Pantano requested that there be quarterly reports to track the current profit and loss as well as the monthly statement.

Awards: Bruce Schomburg checked on October 10 and Field Club was booked. October 9th or 11th is available. Group requested that October 11 be booked for Awards. Social time – 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and awards after the dinner. Price will be the same as last year but the menu will vary.

Registration and Executive Secretary: Betty Kooy submitted a written report (attached). The increase in the number of athletes from this time last year was noted.

Motion to accept the reports. **Seconded. Accepted.**

Old Business:

Mission, Vision, and Values Statement: Not all received the copy. It was resent and was to be discussed later.

Coaches Clinic: Lynn Weaver reported that the Coach Clinic will be Friday and Saturday, April 17 & 18, (4-8p.m. Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. Saturday) at Lincoln Northeast HS in the new conference area. Both USA Swimming and HS coaches have been invited. Cost will be \$50 per coach, maximum \$100 for all coaches from one team.

Short Course Championships: Scot Sorensen reported that we are OK with numbers of officials. Awards will be presented like the State HS meet (coach of winning swimmer will present the awards). Some comments were made that there wasn't anything for Seniors...there was a meet at Elkhorn. The DII meet was well-run.

Zones: Kyle Hunt reported that MW has a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn in Grand Forks, including 20 for athletes and families. Rooms will be held until July 7. There was no discussion at this point regarding bus travel. There was discussion of having swimmers order their 'gear' online from a vendor with MW paying for certain items (cap and shirt) and swimmers paying for whatever else they wanted. Information from the vendor will be sent to the BOD. The BOD agreed to take a look at the package. Question was asked regarding MW Banner; Docker Hartfield suggested Mutual of Omaha on the banner. This will be brought up at the next meeting. Kyle and Mary will look into bus travel for Zones and will check on the insurance issue.

New Business:

Clinics: Betty Kooy and Shana Frodyma will be attending the Registration Workshop and the Disability Workshop respectively in April. Low airfares should keep cost within budget.

House of Delegates: The HOD meeting will be Saturday, April 25 because of the date of the Coach Clinic. Betty will procure a room at the Holiday Inn in York again this year for the meeting.

Mission, Vision, and Values Statements: Motion to open topic discussion. Several corrections were made to the circulated documents. **Motion** was made to accept the documents as amended. **Seconded. Approved.** It was mentioned that these documents need to be revisited every year.

Other New Business: Mention was made of the status of the Legislative Bill involving the right to participate. It was noted that District 2 Ads voted against any change.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. **Seconded.** Next meeting will be May 5, 2009.

Respectfully submitted
Gretchen Lindner, Secretary

REPORTS for Consent Agenda:

Executive Secretary/Registration Chair
March 1, 2009

Registration:

22 clubs

2017 year-round athletes to date

65 other non-athletes

90 coach members

83 officials

- Holding tank is pretty clean – still waiting on birth certificates from a few clubs. Clubs should NOT send registrations in unless they have ALL of the paper work.

Executive Secretary:

- **Meets for Summer 2009** – those that can be posted are posted – some missing crucial elements (club reg for summer clubs, sanction fee, etc)
- **Due date for Fall meets** (flyer etc) June 1
- **Zone meet** – Need to begin working on getting out the information and encouraging families to attend.
- **HS Times** – Working on HS meets. The conference meets are loaded into SWIMS. We hand-input the USA ID number into MM for all USA registered swimmers, cross-reference with the meet programs from

the observers and put in the DQs and then upload based on USA ID number – a VERY time-consuming job! For MW purposes, we will put in only those who request the time and pay the appropriate fee. Those requests are due by March 15. I won't put anything in the MW database until after that date. Otherwise it becomes do-over, do-over, do-over.

- **Season Ending Meets** – We will load the times from the meets as soon as feasible.
- **Registration Workshop** – There is a reg workshop in San Diego the first weekend in April. I am planning to attend.

General Chair's Report:

- Long Course Championship meet request for an OQM will be submitted as soon as a referee is named.
- The following clinics are being offered this spring and the following will be attending: Registration (Betty Kooy), Disability and Diversity (Shana Frodyma), Officials (Scot Sorenson). I was just notified of a Safety and Risk Management so will contact David Nelson and see if he has an interest.
- Continued discussions on a Senior Championship meet (p/f) format for 2010
- Nothing definitive on Trials as of yet
- Elections will be held at our April HOD meeting so if you have any nominations, please forward to Scot Sorenson.
- Shana Frodyma has been working on a diversity program and will have additional information when she returns from the clinic.
- Still working on Job descriptions (what a task)

MISSION STATEMENT:

Midwestern Swimming provides opportunities and support for athletes, coaches, parents and volunteers to achieve excellence in the sport of swimming.

VALUE STATEMENT:

Honesty, Integrity, and mutual respect for others will serve as our guide to creating excellence in our programs and the continuous improvement of Midwestern Swimming.

VISION STATEMENT:

The vision of Midwestern Swimming :

- To have athletes participate in national level meets up to and including Olympic Trials
- Recruit and retain athletes

- Provide training and financial support for athlete progression
- Provide training and financial support for coaches, parents and volunteer progression
- Facility enhancement
- Promote swimming through enhanced publicity
- Retain and recruit volunteers
- Fiscal responsibility and strategy
- Assist athletes in achieving their goals while developing life long skills such as mutual respect, leadership, responsibility, integrity, loyalty, self confidence and a strong work ethic.